

**Utah Department of Transportation  
Utah Transportation Commission  
STAFF UPDATE MEETING  
May 12, 2016**

The Utah Transportation Commission and UDOT staff members met for a Staff Update Meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 4:06 p.m. in the Hurley Conference Room at UDOT Region Two, located at 2010 South 2760 West in Salt Lake City. Those in attendance included:

- Commissioners: Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, Wayne Barlow, Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie
- UDOT Staff: Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Heather Barthold, Bob Pelly, Bill Lawrence, Linda Hull, Dave Schwartz, Lisa Wilson, Marjorie Rasmussen, Troy Peterson, Bryan Adams, Joe Walker, Teri Newell, Jason Davis, Randy Park
- Others: Brigitte Mandel, Ivan Marrero, Charlene McConkie, Jamie Evans, Wayne Bennion, Greg Curtis

**SAFETY PRESENTATION**

Due to the late start of the meeting, this item was postponed.

**PROVO OREM TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

Teri Newell, UDOT Region Three Director, gave a project update presentation on the Provo Orem Transportation Improvement project. The project includes a 10.5-mile BRT line with 18 stops and 51% exclusive lanes, a bridge replacement at Provo River, 1.5 miles of roadway widening, pedestrian-friendly crossings, as well as intersection, bike lane and trail improvements.

Teri reviewed features of Bus Rapid Transit, such as off-board fare collection, stop with amenities, limited stops, dedicated lanes, traffic signal priority and 6 minute peak frequency. She also reviewed designs for University Avenue and University Parkway, and went over the project milestones and timeline. Design is currently 90% complete and construction is anticipated to start mid-summer 2016.

The group discussed the possibility of adding town names to freeway exit signs to help visitors. Ivan Marrero, FHWA Division Administrator, said the MUTCD restrictions would have to be reviewed. Shane Marshall, UDOT Deputy Director, mentioned that if a city has two or more exits, there are signs in advance that say, for example, "Orem, next three exits", but individual access don't call out city names.

**REPURPOSING EARMARKS UPDATE**

In March's Staff Update Meeting, the Commission was informed of the State's opportunity to repurpose unused or leftover earmarked funds. Due to obligation limit availabilities, only \$4 million is available to reprogram, instead of the larger dollar amount previously reported.

Bill Lawrence, UDOT Programming Director, shared a spreadsheet that detailed what currently programmed projects the money should be put towards. Each project listed met the established requirements, like being in a 50-mile radius of the original project. The matching amounts will be freed up from each project on the list, allowing for more time to decide how the \$4 million should be repurposed. Shane Marshall said the money will still be treated the same as previously described, with UDOT receiving input from local communities.

**TIF PRIORITY LIST REVIEW**

Shane Marshall pulled up the reviewed the TIF prioritization list, and the group discussed where Midvalley Highway and the SR-201 extension to SR-36 ranked in relation to the other projects on the list.

Midvalley Highway and the County's efforts to secure right of way were discussed. Grantsville Main Street pavement, drainage and capacity needs and options were also discussed.

### **STIP WORKSHOP DEBRIEF/LESSONS LEARNED**

Shane Marshall led a discussion about this year's new STIP Workshop format. The Commissioners agreed that they liked breaking it up into two months, and they'd like to do that again. Commissioner Holbrook said she didn't like having part one of the workshop in place of a tour, and the other Commissioners agreed that tours help "put eyes on the road".

The workshop "flip book" and one-on-one meetings were also discussed, and the Commissioners all agreed that both were helpful.

Moving forward, the Regions' needs and conditions reports will be given throughout the year so that information given at the workshop is just a refresher; April's meeting should just be a review of what has been discussed throughout the previous year. At Commissioner Holbrook's request, UDOT's annual presentation to the Legislative Appropriations Committee will be given to the Commissioners in December.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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Commission Assistant